



## Flathead National Forest

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# FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST INTEREST INQUIRY

## *CONCESSIONAIRE CAMPGROUND OPERATION*

KALISPELL, MT. – Chip Weber, Forest Supervisor of the Flathead National Forest (FNF), announces the forest will offer two campground prospectus packages for the operation and maintenance of campgrounds on the FNF. One prospectus will include Big Creek, Doris Point Boat Launch, Doris Creek, Devil Creek, Emery Bay, Lid Creek, Lost Johnny Point, Lost Johnny Camp, Murray Bay, Riverside, Holland Lake, Owl Creek Packer Camp, and Swan Lake Day Use and Campground. The second prospectus is for Tally Lake Campground.

Private concessionaire operations are designed to benefit the public by reducing the cost of government operations while maintaining a high level of service. Although a private concessionaire performs the routine operation and maintenance of the recreation sites, the Forest Service maintains the management responsibility.

Two separate prospectus packages for the concessionaire operation will be available June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The prospectus is used to solicit proposals for the operation and maintenance of the above mentioned campgrounds. There will be a field review or show-me-trip scheduled during the week of July 16-20<sup>th</sup> to visit the campgrounds with the Forest recreation staff.

Proposals must be received at the Supervisor's Office, Flathead National Forest, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 by no later than 4:30 p.m. MST on October 1, 2012. Awarding of a special use permit is anticipated in January 2, 2013. The permit will be issued for a 5-year period, with the option to extend the permit for an additional 5-year period at the discretion of the Forest Service.

For more information, or a copy of the prospectus packages, please go to the Flathead Forest webpage [www.fs.usda.gov/flathead](http://www.fs.usda.gov/flathead). Questions please contact Becky Smith-Powell at (406)-758-3538 or Royelynn Warren at (406)-758-5207.

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